

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:           Cechan (nmi) Tian et al.  
Serial No.:                    10/695,711  
Filing Date:                 October 29, 2003  
Group Art No.:               2613  
Confirmation No.:            5574  
Examiner:                    Marina Y. Taranina  
Title:                         Method and System for Increasing Network Capacity in an  
                                  Optical Network

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.